

REMARKS

Claims 7-26, 35-37, and 46-62 remain pending in this application. Claims 7, 8, 10-16, 18-26, 35, 37, 46, 48-52, and 54-62 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention; no change in scope of these claims is either intended or believed to be effected by these changes. Claims 1-6, 27-34, and 38-45 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 7, 35, and 46 are independent.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 7-26, 35-37, and 46-62.

Claims 27, 28, 38, and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,054,100 to Tai.

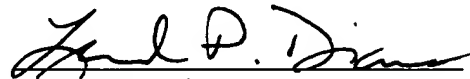
Cancellation of Claims 27, 28, 38, and 39 renders the rejections of those claims moot.

An Information Disclosure Statement will be filed shortly.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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